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**REPLY/AMENDMENT
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Attorney Docket No.	1489.1001
Application Number	09/826,420
Filing Date	April 5, 2001
First Named Inventor	James E. McGowan, Jr.
Group Art Unit	1744
Examiner Name	CHORBAJI, MONZER R

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

0.00

FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	32	- 32 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	- 4 =	0	X \$ 86.00 =	0.00

Since an Official Action set an original due date of , petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5 months

If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$330.00)

If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110.00)

Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)

Total of above Calculations =

\$ 0.00

Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)

TOTAL FEES DUE =

\$ 0.00

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(2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".

(4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".

(5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3".

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- ☐ Check enclosed as payment.
- ☐ Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below.
- ☒ No payment is enclosed and no charges to the Deposit Account are authorized at this time (unless specifically required to obtain a filing date).

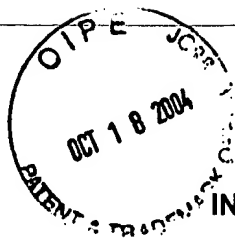
GENERAL AUTHORIZATION

- ☐ If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to:
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| Deposit Account No. | 19-3935 |
| Deposit Account Name | STAAS & HALSEY LLP |
- ☐ The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

James E. McGowan, Jr.

Serial No. 09/826,420

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Confirmation No. 5040

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Examiner: CHORBAJI, MONZER R

For: MEDICAL ARTICLE STERILIZATION METHOD AND DEVICE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on October 1, 2004.

The following remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.